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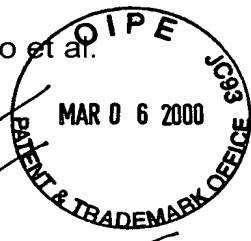
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of: Tokimoto et al.

Serial No.: 09/035,617

Filed: March 5, 1998

Title: INPUT DEVICE FOR IMPROVING
MAN-MACHINE INTERFACE



Group Art Unit: 2774

Examiner: Nelson, A.

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RESPONSE TO EXAMINER'S NON-FINAL ACTION

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action mailed October 6, 1999 ("Office action"), please enter and consider the following remarks. Filed concurrently herewith is a petition, with provisions for payment of the appropriate fee, to extend the period for response two (2) months up to and including March 6, 2000.

REMARKS

Claims 1 - 22 are in the case. It is noted that claims 5, 14, 16 and 17 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Applicants respectfully would prefer to defer making such amendment pending the examiner's consideration of the within traversal of the rejection of claims 1-4, 7-13, and 18-22.